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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JANUARY 20:

ENERGY DISCUSSIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 605, 550

1. FENN (FCO, ENERGY) CHARACTERIZED DISCUSSION OF A CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE AT JANUARY 20 EC COUNCIL AS A PRELIMINARY CANTER OVER THE COURSE WITH NO FIRM POSTURES STRUCK. ON FAILURE OF BRITISH TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS ABOUT CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE, FENN GAVE PERSONAL VIEW THAT HMG WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT A FORMULA WHICH MIGHT PERMIT ANY OF ITS EC PARTNERS (READ FRANCE) TO BE GIVEN SEPARATE NATIONAL REPRESENTATION WHILE THIS WAS DENIED BRITAIN.

2. FENN ALSO THOUGHT THERE WERE POTENTIAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS, WHICH FONSEC CALLAGHAN DID NOT MAKE EXPLICIT, IN HAVING BRITAIN REPRESENTED SOLELY BY EC ORGANS, INASMUCH AS RENEGOTIATION WAS SUCH A LIVE DOMESTIC ISSUE, PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE WAS SO IMPORTANT, AND BRITAIN WAS ONLY PROSPECTIVE OIL PRODUCER WITHIN EC. FENN BELIEVED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT HMG EVENTUALLY WOULD AGREE TO REPRESENTATION PRIMARILY BY EC SO LONG AS FRENCH DID NOT OBTAIN SEPARATE SEAT.

3. ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EC AND IEA, FENN SAID AGREEMENT WAS TO HAVE CONSULTATION AMONG EIGHT WHO ARE IEA MEMBERS PRIOR TO BUT NOT DURING IEA MEETINGS. SPIERS

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